

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Previously presented) Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a channel at its periphery, said channel configured to abut and form a liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container when said lid is assembled on said container, in which said channel includes an outer skirt and an inner skirt generally downwardly directed, and said outer skirt includes a lower portion spaced outwardly from said container upper edge and said inner skirt includes a lower portion spaced inwardly from said container upper edge to facilitate ready alignment and engagement of said lid on said container, said lower portion of said outer skirt including a removable tear strip, and corresponding tongue and groove members on said lid and said container to interfit with each other within said channel, said tongue member having a primary cross-sectional axis that is sloped outwardly with respect to the center of said container rather than being vertical.

2. – 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a channel at its periphery, said channel configured to abut ~~and form a liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container~~ when said lid is assembled on said container, including corresponding tongue and groove members on said lid and said container to interfit with each other within said channel, ~~said tongue and groove members providing said abutment~~ to form a said-liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container, said tongue being misaligned horizontally with respect to said groove member ~~said tongue and groove providing an~~

~~inner contact and an outer contact surface between said lid and said container, said inner contact surface extending toward the bottom of the container as least as far as said outer contact surface, said outer contact surface being generally planar across its entire height.~~

7. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6, in which said upper edge includes a generally horizontal surface when said container opening faces upwards, and said generally horizontal surface extends generally about the periphery of said container, and said tongue and groove members include a groove formed in said horizontal surface, said lid channel including a corresponding generally horizontal surface that confronts said generally horizontal surface of said container edge, and said tongue and groove members further include a tongue element formed on said generally horizontal surface of said lid channel, said tongue element on said lid channel sized and configured to seat within said groove in said container upper edge in a liquid sealing manner when said lid and container are engaged.

8. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which said tongue member is slightly larger than said groove member.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which at least a portion of said tongue member has a cross-section that is sloped inwardly.

11. (Original) The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, in which at least a portion of said tongue member has a cross-section that is sloped outwardly.

12. (Cancelled)

13. The apparatus of Claim 6 or Claim 7, including cooperating engagement detents on said lid and said container to hold said lid and said container in said liquid-tight sealing relationship.

14-18 (Cancelled)

19. (New) Apparatus for providing a liquid-tight seal, including: a container having an upper edge defining an opening; and an injection-molded lid configured to cover said opening, said lid having a channel at its periphery, said channel configured to abut said upper edge when assembled on said container, including corresponding tongue and groove members on said lid and said container to interfit with each other within said channel to form a liquid-tight seal with said upper edge of said container, in which at least a portion of said tongue member has a cross-section that is sloped, said tongue member is slightly larger than said groove member, and said tongue member is misaligned horizontally with respect to said groove member.

20. (New) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the assembly between said lid and said container does not include any rotating threaded engagement.

21. (New) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein said lid includes an outer skirt having a substantially continuous annular shoulder formed therein.